

PARTICIPANT COMMENTS – CWRT DATA PART 1

I got some good ideas from the class. I have only been the Treasurer for the Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable for about 3 weeks, so I am not as familiar with the CWRT Congress people and procedures as I would like to be. I think the topic was very timely and I am looking forward to Data II. The moderator did an excellent job of balancing presenting information and seeking out participant comments. And the meeting got over in an hour. Thanks for making this information available to us. – Bruce Washburn, Scottsdale CWRT

I enjoyed the presentation and the discussion. I always come away from these classrooms with a lot of ideas. – John Bamberl, Scottsdale CWRT

I listened to some of the session because I am the Membership Chairman of the Virginia Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (we are only chapter in Virginia) and I thought it would give me ideas how to increase our membership.

I forget what gentleman spoke about this issue but he was quite correct when he said to have talks on different topics of the War, not just strategy and battles. I will tell you the ABSOLUTE way to increase membership (women and young people) in Round Tables is to have speakers talk about experiences of the common soldier, women's roles in the War, biographies of persons, human interest stories, effect of war on civilians, medical technology, PTSD suffered by soldiers, Reconstruction, etc. talk about current things, i.e.. monuments controversy, changing names of schools and streets, even Civil War literature and poetry (like that poet you have on your CWRT Congress programs). Women do NOT want to hear about every general and strategic moves on hills and battlefields. It is Boring. Diversify the topics discussed and you will have more interesting programs for Round Tables. Programs you have on your CWRT Congress talks on Fridays; those are interesting and informative. That is what Round Tables need to do to grow.

You discussed surveys: pass out a short survey at the meeting and have the audience fill it out there then you will get 100% participation. Do not rely on people answering a survey by email; most will not take the time to do it. Round Tables should take 10 minutes and have people fill out the survey at the meeting and then at the next meeting, results could be discussed. Members should feel part of the decision process. This is probably more feedback than you wanted! – Karen Connair, Bull Run CWRT

It was an interesting class as usual. Sorry I was "faceless". Cheryl Rice, Olympia CWRT

Good session. I appreciate hearing issues and solutions from other CWRT's. It is the genesis of new ideas. Thanks for putting the session together. – Henry Bayard, North Jersey CWRT

It was a good event. People must use that available data to improve or being more effective in their own activities and analyze results. – Fernando Bastidas, Venezuela